

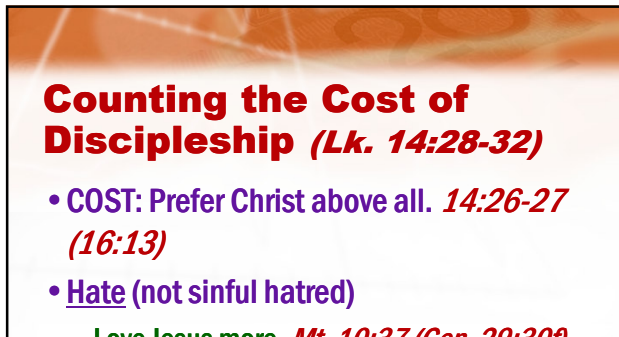


**Have You Counted the Cost?**  
*Lk. 14:25-33*

**Jesus was not a crowd-pleaser (*Lk. 14:25-27*)**

- His teaching did not change in order to hold on to followers. *Jno. 6:60-62, 66*
- Demanded that people count the cost and pay the price without excuses.
  - Excuses not accepted. *Lk. 14:15-20, 24*
  - Forsake all to be a disciple. *Lk. 14:33*

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**Counting the Cost of Discipleship (*Lk. 14:28-32*)**

- **COST:** Prefer Christ above all. *14:26-27 (16:13)*
- **Hate** (not sinful hatred)
  - Love Jesus more. *Mt. 10:37 (Gen. 29:30f)*
  - "If" - Not with divided heart (*Jno. 12:42-43*)

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**Counting the Cost of Discipleship (*Lk. 14:28-32*)**

- Two points of reference:
  - Relationships (family. brethren. life). *14:26*
  - Responsibilities (bear your cross). *14:27 (Gal. 6:5; Mt. 16:24)*
- **PRICE TO PAY:** Self-denial. sacrifice and service. *14:33; 9:23*

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**Counting the Cost of Discipleship (*Lk. 14:28-32*)**

- Jesus set this example. *Mt. 26:38-44*
  - Sacrifice. *26:39*
  - Submission. *26:42*
  - Steadfastness. *26:44*
- Lifelong commitment. *Heb. 3:6, 14; 10:36-39*

John 10:17-18

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***Acts 26:28***

**Have You Counted the Cost of becoming a Christian?**

- How to be saved (*Mk. 16:15-16; Acts 2:38-41; 17:30*)
- Renounce past sins. *Acts 19:18-20*
- Humility before God and men. *Jms. 4:10*

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**Acts 26:28****Have You Counted the Cost of becoming a Christian?**

- Objections include:
  - “I’ll condemn my parents” (*Lk. 16:27-30*)
  - “I’ll lose friends, business” (*Acts 19:24-27*)
- Different way of life. *Rom. 12:1-2; Phil. 3:7-11 (1 Jno. 2:15)*
- Different way of thinking. *2 Cor. 10:5*
- You can pay the price! (*1 Pet. 5:9*)

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**Genesis 2:24****Have You Counted the Cost of being Married?**

- Its permanency. *Mt. 19:6; Rom. 7:2*
- Leaving and cleaving. *Mt. 19:4-5*
- Forsaking all others (fidelity). *Heb. 13:4*
- Serve. not “be served”. *Eph. 5:22-25*
- Marry a Christian who has faith, godly values and the goal of heaven

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**Psalms 127:3-5****Have You Counted the Cost of having Children?**

- Financial responsibility. *1 Tim. 5:8*
- Time. *Eph. 5:16; cf. Deut. 6:4ff*
- Training. *Eph. 6:4; Tit. 2:4*
- Selfishness hinders good parenting!

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**1 Cor. 16:13-14****Have You Counted the Cost of Standing for the Truth?**

- Loss of friends & even brethren. *2 Tim. 4:16*
- Loss of reputation (among false brethren). *3 Jno. 9-12*
- Cost Jesus his life!
- Cost the apostles much (*1 Cor. 4:9-13*)
- Does it cost us anything? (*2 Tim. 3:12*)

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**Revelation 2:10****Have You Counted the Cost of being Faithful unto Death?**

- Context of persecution: even to the point of death (*cf. Phil. 1:21*)
- Conquer the fear of men. *Mt. 10:28; Heb. 13:5-6*
- Be watchful. *1 Pet. 5:8-9; Heb. 5:12-14; 6:9-12*

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**Matthew 25:30****A Higher Price will be Paid if you do not Follow Jesus Now!**

- Everlasting destruction. *2 Thess. 1:8-9*
- Leaving all for Christ and His gospel will bless you and challenge you now – and finally reward you with eternal life. *Mk. 10:28-31*

Have you counted the cost?  
Will you pay the price?